

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO BARB JORGENSEN

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Barb Jorgensen of Harlan, Iowa, as one of Iowa's 2016 Heroes of the Heartland, sponsored by the American Red Cross of Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving greater Iowa honors individuals for their acts of great bravery, dedication and service to the community. The winners are nominated by their peers, highlighting Iowa's most compassionate and caring individuals. These extraordinary people commit actions which demonstrate the potential heroism and kindness which is in all of us. Heroes of the Heartland reflect the values and vision of the American Red Cross, leaving a positive impact on central Iowa.

On December 28, 2015, Barb went outside to shovel snow when she noticed thick black smoke pouring from her neighbor's front window. She ran to the side of the house with the bedrooms and alerted her neighbor and occupants to leave the burning home. Because of Barb's actions and persistence, the neighbor and his son were able to escape the home safely.

Mr. Speaker, Barb is an Iowan who has made central Iowa citizens very proud. She has dedicated her life to doing what is right and not seeking much attention. But it is with great honor that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Barb for her courage. I thank her for her service and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

### 6TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SMOLENSK DISASTER

#### HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I join in acknowledging the sixth anniversary of the Smolensk Disaster, a tragedy that claimed the lives of Polish President Lech Kaczynski, his wife, Maria, and 94 others aboard a government aircraft on April 10, 2010. Among the victims were high-ranking generals and government officials, clergy, anti-communist leaders and the family members of victims enroute to a ceremony for the 1940 Katyn Forest Massacre. Also on the plane was one American citizen on an official mission for the City of Chicago. The crash at Smolensk North Military Airfield in western Russia is central to the event sponsored by the Commemoration Committee for the Smolensk Disaster and held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of

Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. On Sunday, April 17, 2016 prayers will be offered for the souls of the 96 crash victims and honor those who served their country.

### COMMEMORATING WORLD HEALTH DAY

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate World Health Day.

World Health Day is celebrated every year on the founding day of the World Health Organization ("WHO"), which was established in 1950.

WHO puts together regional, local, and international events to shed light on a specific world health issue.

Under the leadership of United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, this year the WHO is focusing efforts and attention to combat the rise in diabetes and improve the lives of those living with this preventable and treatable disease.

Diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin or when the body is unable to utilize the insulin produced.

We need to focus on increasing preventative healthcare policies in America by providing the public and healthcare providers with innovative prevention strategies.

Diabetes can be controlled by increasing access to the following: diagnosis, self-management education, and affordable treatment.

In 2008, approximately 347 million people in the world had diabetes.

The number of cases have grown exponentially over the years.

Eighty percent of approximately 1.5 million deaths, attributed to this disease, occurred in low- and middle-income countries.

By 2030, the World Health Organization projects that diabetes will be the 7th leading cause of death.

We need to acknowledge this as an epidemic and increase awareness towards the staggering burdens/consequences associated with diabetes.

I support this World Health Day's 2016 goal to scale up prevention, strengthen care, and enhance surveillance through the launch of the first Global report on diabetes.

### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF EARL GRIGSBY

#### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to use this time to acknowledge one of my

constituents who has demonstrated for nearly a half-century what it means to serve their neighbor. Earl Grigsby will be retiring on April 1st as Superintendent of Public Works for Loudoun County after 44 years of dedication to the community.

Mr. Grigsby began his public service 44 years ago as a laborer at the county's landfill. Over the years, his hard work and positive outlook led him on a path to retiring as Superintendent of public works. His time with the county has been marked by efficiently leading his workforce, as well as guiding the county operations in emergency situations. Mr. Grigsby leaves office not only receiving honors from the Board of Supervisors, but also a standing ovation from colleagues and kin alike.

Mr. Speaker, having already been honored by family and coworkers, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mr. Grigsby's public work, and implore each of us to imitate his dedication to duty. I wish Mr. Grigsby the best in his future endeavors.

### HONORING THE WEST POINT JEWISH CHAPEL CADET CHOIR

#### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the West Point Jewish Chapel Cadet Choir, who will soon perform at the B'nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton, Florida.

From the over half a million Jewish Americans have served in the armed services since World War II to Simon Levy who was one of the two original West Point Class of 1802, Jewish Americans have a rich history of service in our Armed Forces. The West Point Jewish Chapel Cadet Choir honors that history and ensures that the contributions of Jewish Americans are not overlooked.

The choir consists of members from all four classes at the academy and has both men and women participants. The choir is an extension of the active Jewish body at the Academy; there are between 70 and 80 Jewish cadets at West Point. Next year, West Point is set to graduate its 1,000th Jewish cadet.

For more than 65 years, the choir has performed at West Point community services and, by invitation, to congregations throughout the United States. Since its inception in 1947, cadets have had the opportunity to experience other facets of Judaism through participation in other congregations and events around the country. Every year they perform at the White House during the Holiday festivities, and most recently, performed at the United Nations ceremony commemorating the Holocaust.

I join the B'nai Torah Congregation in welcoming these twenty five extraordinary men and women to the synagogue on April 8th.

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## TRIBUTE TO JOE HOGAN

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joe Hogan of Altoona, Iowa, as one of Iowa's 2016 Heroes of the Heartland, sponsored by the American Red Cross of Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving greater Iowa honors individuals for their acts of great bravery, dedication and service to the community. The winners are nominated by their peers, highlighting Iowa's most compassionate and caring individuals. These extraordinary people commit actions which demonstrate the potential heroism and kindness which is in all of us. Heroes of the Heartland reflect the values and vision of the American Red Cross, leaving a positive impact on central Iowa.

Joe Hogan founded the non-profit organization, Train to Inspire, to improve the quality of life for individuals with mental and physical disabilities. He encourages participants to soar higher than their perceived limits while creating opportunities for them. Train to Inspire hosts free events that feature new experiences for participants including a Super Hero Obstacle Course. Participants are drawn to Joe and his huge heart. While overcoming addiction, Joe has developed a passion for helping others see what they can accomplish, not what they cannot accomplish.

Mr. Speaker, Joe is an Iowan who has made central Iowa citizens very proud. He has dedicated his life to quietly living with honor, doing what is right and not seeking much attention. But it is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Joe for his courage. I thank him for his service and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

## HONORING MR. PERCY PINKNEY

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Congresswoman MAXINE WATERS, and Congresswoman KAREN BASS, to honor the extraordinary life of an outstanding public servant and advocate, Mr. Percy Pinkney. With his passing on Saturday, March 18th, we honor his long, extraordinary life of service and the experiences he shared.

A native of McComb, Mississippi, Mr. Pinkney began his adult life as a member of the United States Army. He later received his Bachelor's degree at San Francisco State University, and went on to receive a Master's in Social Work from Lone Mountain College in San Francisco.

Mr. Pinkney was an active part of California politics for over 30 years, serving in prestigious positions with many influential leaders. During Governor Jerry Brown's first administration, Percy led his community relations department for seven years, beginning in 1975. In 1992, he joined Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN's

staff as a field representative, overseeing issues affecting Los Angeles' Black community. He faithfully served the community until his retirement in 2014.

Mr. Pinkney founded the Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) in 1979. The organization has since become one of the largest political grassroots organizations in the state, with 60 chapters and more than 40,000 active members. Since its founding, BAPAC has continued its mission of developing, documenting, and identifying the resources necessary to achieve cultural, economic, and educational goals of underserved citizens in California. The organization has also played an effective role in increasing African Americans participation in the civic and political process.

Overall, Mr. Pinkney's commitment to community building and advancement is unrivaled and BAPAC's leadership has helped countless constituents develop their educational and economic goals. His love for his community and his neighbors will be remembered for years to come, and his achievements in public service have given many Americans the hope and prosperity they deserve.

Mr. Percy Pinkney is survived by his dutiful daughter, Delane Sims, his son in law, Jerry Sims, his brother, Salahudin Tulah, and many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He will forever be remembered as a beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

On a personal note, we remember the support, strategic advice, and friendship Percy gave and owe him a debt of gratitude for his selfless contributions to our success as elected officials.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes the life of an exemplary individual and devoted community member, Mr. Percy Pinkney. I join all of Mr. Pinkney's loved ones in celebrating his inspirational life and achievements, and offer my sincerest condolences. I am joined in these sentiments today by my colleagues, MAXINE WATERS, of California's 43rd Congressional District, and KAREN BASS, of California's 37th Congressional District, who also knew Mr. Pinkney personally and valued his service.

## HONORING TIM B. WITT

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true civil servant, Mr. Tim B. Witt, who after forty years with the United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency is retiring this year.

Initially hailing from Nebraska, Tim started with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) in 1976, adjusting losses, conducting training and performing quality control work. From 1980 to 1985, he worked in the Kansas City Office with the United States Department of Agriculture, holding various insurance administrative positions including several assignments pertinent to the design, development and implementation of the Federal crop reinsurance delivery system. In 1985, Tim transferred to FCIC headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he assumed the responsibility for the design and implementation of FCIC regu-

latory and oversight program activities. From 1990 through 1992, Tim managed the Office of Insurance Services responsible for administering the delivery of crop insurance programs to America's producers through the Standard Reinsurance Agreement. In 1992, he returned to Kansas City and serves as the Deputy Administrator for Product Management responsible for the administration and management of corporate policies, underwriting standards and actuarial structures related to the various risk management programs reinsured by FCIC.

Tim has had a long and distinguished career, and his contributions to the Department of Agriculture for four decades cannot be overstated. I want to thank him for his service, and wish him nothing but the best in retirement.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 130 regarding "Counterterrorism Screening and Assistance Act of 2016" (H.R. 4314). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea".

## LIVENGRIN FOUNDATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the Livengrin Foundation on 50 years of providing hope and healing to those struggling with drug and alcohol addictions and for addressing the recent wave of opiate and heroin overdoses in the region. The mission-based, non-profit was one of the first Pennsylvania centers established for the treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction and has grown to include the original inpatient facility in Bensalem, Bucks County, and now eight outpatient locations throughout the Philadelphia region and Lehigh Valley. Livengrin has provided drug and alcohol addiction services to more than 4,000 patients and their families and disbursed more than \$1.6 million for subsidized and unreimbursed services. Livengrin's impact on the community goes beyond its treatment services to include innovative solutions that served as models for other programs throughout the country. Additionally, the Livengrin Foundation also offers specialty treatment tracks for young adults, nurses, other health care workers, first responders and veterans and numbers of support groups and seminars. Recently, Livengrin hosted Naloxone training and distributions to combat the wave of opiate and heroin overdoses in southeastern Pennsylvania. For a half-century, Livengrin has been a beacon of hope for thousands. We sincerely wish the Livengrin Foundation and all those who contribute to the mission continued success with utmost gratitude for the good work.

RECOGNIZING ART PING LEE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHINESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Art Ping Lee, who has spent his career advocating on behalf of the overseas Chinese community.

Born in Taishan County, Guangdong Province, Mr. Lee immigrated to the United States in 1936. After the Second Sino-Japanese War broke out, only a year after Mr. Lee's arrival in his new home in the District of Columbia, Mr. Lee began national fundraising efforts to support the Chinese army to resist the invasion of Japan. After World War II, Mr. Lee worked tirelessly to assist Chinese families affected by the war. Many Chinese families were kept from being reunited with their loved ones due to U.S. immigration laws and immigration quotas. Mr. Lee was one of the founding members of the National Chinese Welfare Council, in 1957, which campaigned aggressively for lifting of immigration quotas. As a result, 40,000 Chinese immigrants were allowed to enter the U.S. every year.

Mr. Lee has also advocated to enhance and strengthen the relationship between the United States and Taiwan. Mr. Lee is a founder of several organizations, including the Chinese Youth Club of Washington, D.C., the Washington, D.C. Lodge of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, and the Lee Federal Credit Union.

Mr. Lee, who turns 102 this year, continues to contribute to his community, where he serves as an Honorary Elder of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of Washington, D.C., a Senior Advisor to the Overseas Community Affairs Council of the Republic of China (Taiwan), and an Honorary Elder to The Lee Family Association in the United States.

He has received the Hua Kuang Medal, First Class, which is given by Taiwan to Chinese people who have made special contributions in overseas Chinese affairs.

Mr. Lee has an impressive record of service and leadership to overseas Chinese communities throughout the United States, particularly in the Washington metropolitan area.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Lee and his lifetime of service to the Chinese American community in the District of Columbia and for his continued contributions and care for the people he serves.

### TRIBUTE TO TREY RICE

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Trey Rice of Grimes, Iowa, as one of Iowa's 2016 Heroes of the Heartland, sponsored by the American Red Cross of Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving greater Iowa honors individuals for their acts

of great bravery, dedication and service to the community. The winners are nominated by their peers, highlighting Iowa's most compassionate and caring individuals. These extraordinary people commit actions which demonstrate the potential heroism and kindness which is in all of us. Heroes of the Heartland reflect the values and vision of the American Red Cross, leaving a positive impact on central Iowa.

On Sunday July 12, 2015, Trey was floating down the Raccoon River with his cousin and friends. While resting on a sandbar, they heard a young boy yelling, scared and tangled in branches and floating debris. The victim seemed to be struggling to keep his head above the water and he was not wearing a life jacket. Without hesitation, Trey and his cousin jumped into the river, but the current pulled them rapidly downstream. After fighting their way back to shore, Trey again found a familiar place along the river where he knew he could reach the young boy. After jumping into the river for a second time, Trey was able to reach the young boy and pull him to safety.

I, too, grew up along this stretch of the Raccoon River and know that while still waters run deep, Iowa's rambling river can turn vicious in a moment's notice. Trey is a hero for all of us who swam the river.

Mr. Speaker, Trey is an Iowan who has made central Iowa citizens very proud. He has dedicated his young life to doing what is right and not seeking such attention. But it is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Trey for his courage. I thank him for his service and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

### COMMEMORATING NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the importance of April as National Minority Health Month.

As a senior member of the Congressional Black Caucus and co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues Task Force on Women of Color, I have always believed that access to quality health care should be a universal right of all citizens.

National Minority Health Month is a time to reflect and renew our shared dedication and responsibility to eradicating racial disparities in health.

Commemorated every year, National Minority Health Month is to heighten public awareness of the importance of minimizing health disparities and improve the health status of minority populations.

National Minority Health Month was established 14 years ago when Congress passed H. Con. Res. 388, a concurrent resolution designating April as the month to "promote educational efforts on the health problems currently facing minorities and other health disparity populations."

H. Con. Res. 388 encouraged "all health organizations and Americans to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote

healthfulness in minority and other health disparity communities."

Mr. Speaker, the differences in places where we live, work, and play frequently result in inequalities in opportunities like quality childcare and education, access to healthy foods, and safe places to be physically active.

"National Minority Cancer Awareness Week" is observed during the third full week in April and directs attention to the fact that cancer has a disproportionately severe impact on minorities and the economically disadvantaged.

The rate of premature death (death before age 75 years) from stroke and coronary heart disease are higher among non-Hispanic blacks than among whites.

In 2009, homicide rates were 263 percent higher among males than females and 665 percent higher among non-Hispanic blacks compared with non-Hispanic whites.

The motor vehicle-related death rate for men is approximately 2.5 times that for women.

In addition, the motor vehicle-related death rate for American Indians and Alaska Natives is more than twice as high as for other racial and ethnic groups.

Tuberculosis rates declined among all racial and ethnic minority groups and among both U.S. and foreign-born persons from 2006 to 2010.

Rates of tuberculosis cases, however, remained persistently higher among racial and ethnic minority groups than among whites in 2010.

Obesity rates remain higher among racial minorities than whites.

Non-Asian racial/ethnic minorities continue to experience higher rates of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) diagnoses than whites.

Diabetes prevalence is highest among males, persons aged 65 years and older, non-Hispanic blacks and those of mixed race, Hispanics, persons with less than high school education, those who were poor, and those with a disability.

During 2010, approximately 40 percent Hispanic adults and 25 percent of non-Hispanic black adults were classified as uninsured.

In my district, two outstanding organizations, African-American Breast Cancer Outreach and Gateway to Care, have dedicated themselves to advocacy efforts for minority health.

The African-American Breast Cancer Outreach program received "models of achievement" awards from the Center for Research on Minority Health of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and Gateway to Care was awarded special recognition for its work to help uninsured and underinsured residents acquire health care.

Mr. Speaker, National Minority Health Month serves to remind each and every one of us of the importance of addressing the very real racial and ethnic health disparities that still plague our nation and to recognize and commend those community organizations that do yeoman work in eradicating them.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I was absent on Monday, March 21, 2016, and Tuesday,

March 22, 2016. I was therefore unable to cast my vote on roll call vote numbers 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, and 135.

Had I been present for these votes, I would have voted NAY on roll call votes 131 and 132.

Had I been present for these votes, I would have voted YEA on roll call votes 130, 133, 134, and 135.

#### HONORING LEARNINGSRING SCHOOL

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, as a father and a former school teacher I can safely say there is nothing more beautiful, or more fulfilling, than watching a child learn and grow. Schools that cultivate that growth, and allow their students to reach above and beyond their potential are an incredible asset to any community, and for 15 years the LearningSpring School in New York City has done exactly that.

The story of LearningSpring, or LSS as it is commonly known, is as special and unique as the population it serves. In the fall of 2000, a group of parents were faced with finding appropriate placements for their children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Disappointed with the options presented to them, these parents decided to create their own school, one that would address all of their children's academic, social, emotional, and therapeutic needs. Their school would also be designed to incorporate the families of the children as an important partner in the education of their child. The parents determined they needed to start a foundation, not just a school, to achieve all they had set out to achieve, and in the fall of 2001, the LearningSpring Foundation opened its first program, the LearningSpring Elementary School.

Fifteen years later, LearningSpring has flourished into one of the top schools in the city. The LSS model celebrates the fact that the children in the program are bright, in need of an educational environment that isn't exclusively focused on academic performance. This holistic approach to education is one of the reasons LSS has been a tremendous success, helping hundreds of graduates with ASD prepare to live wonderful, happy, and independent lives.

I have personally seen all of the wonderful work LSS does, and I have always been incredibly impressed with their approach to education. This year, LSS is celebrating their 15th Anniversary at their LearningSpring Blossoms celebration, honoring their 2002 Seedling Trustees. I want to congratulate those honorees and the entire LearningSpring community on the occasion.

#### HONORING MR. PAUL F. WOXLAND

#### HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Paul F. Woxland, and to recognize

the nearly twenty-five years of service that he has given to our region as well as to the federal government in his work with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Woxland began his service with the Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1991, where he assumed a position as Director of the Minneapolis Multifamily Asset Management Division and Satellite Office Coordinator. In this role, Mr. Woxland was tasked with the ultimate responsibility for physical, managerial, and financial condition of every HUD property within the region.

Mr. Woxland has also been instrumental in the development and improvement of housing in Minnesota and in our neighboring state of Wisconsin. In this capacity, he has overseen thousands of housing developments, working diligently to provide all families with access to one of our most basic yet most needed resources, a safe space to call home. To that end, Mr. Woxland has had a direct hand in over one thousand affordable housing projects in Minnesota, and over eight hundred projects in Wisconsin. This staggering number of developments has had an immeasurable impact upon the health of the region, and in partnership has provided permanent housing to over fifteen thousand households.

Mr. Woxland's work with the Interagency Stabilization Group has shown the true level of his commitment to providing housing for very low income residents. Mr. Woxland, through this collaborative organization, has succeeded in not only preserving but stabilizing affordable housing in Minneapolis for thousands of low-income residents. Some notable developments this partnership has preserved are Ebenezer Tower, Cecil Newman Plaza, and Riverside Plaza, a local landmark that is honored in the National Register of Historic Places.

To his colleagues and staff, he is regarded as the leader of one of the most effective and efficient HUD offices in the nation. Mr. Woxland leaves a legacy at HUD of tireless commitment and of service to our most underprivileged. For that he deserves our gratitude. He also leaves a legacy of touching countless lives and fostering inclusive communities throughout the region.

#### TRIBUTE TO DOLORES DIAZ-CARREY—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Dolores Diaz-Carrey, of Pasadena, California.

Born in Los Angeles, Dolores attended Sacred Heart Elementary School and Sacred Heart High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish Literature from Holy Names University and her Master's Degree in Education from the University of Southern California. In addition, Dolores obtained a Counseling Credential from the University of

California, Los Angeles and an Administrative Credential from California State University, Los Angeles.

A consummate educator, Ms. Diaz-Carrey's long career in education began as a teacher at the elementary and junior high school levels in Northern California, after which she moved to Mexico City to teach. In 1969, Dolores joined the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) where she worked for 35 years. In LAUSD's Division of Adult and Career Education, she worked in many capacities, including as an ESL (English as a Second Language) instructor, teacher advisor, counselor, assistant principal, and principal. From 1973 to 1975, Ms. Diaz-Carrey was Executive Producer of the first bilingual ESL television series for adults, "POCHTLAN", for which she was awarded an Emmy from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. From 1987 to 1998, she was Principal of Garfield Community Adult School and while there, founded a family literacy program for adults and their children. In 1998, Dolores became Director of the Adult Instructional Services Unit where she was responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of all the curricula for adults, including ESL, high school diploma, basic education, parenting, and nursing programs—during this time, she was also Program Director of the Community Based English Tutoring program.

Dolores is a longtime member of the East Los Angeles Rotary Club, where she serves as the Rotarian advisor for a youth club, and is the incoming club president. In 2011, she received the Rotarian Foundation District Service Award. Dolores is a member and past President of the San Rafael Library Associates, a support group for the San Rafael Library in Pasadena, and is a generous supporter of the arts, including the Los Angeles Music and Art School, and the Youth Orchestra Los Angeles.

A forty-year resident of Pasadena, Dolores enjoys traveling, daily walks with her dog, Dodger, long-distance cycling, and attending Los Angeles Philharmonic concerts and events at the Hollywood Bowl.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Dolores Diaz-Carrey, for her extraordinary service to the community.

#### TRIBUTE TO KELSEY DEVORE

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kelsey Devore of Chariton, Iowa, as one of Iowa's 2016 Heroes of the Heartland, sponsored by the American Red Cross of Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving greater Iowa honors individuals for their acts of great bravery, dedication and service to the community. The winners are nominated by their peers, highlighting Iowa's most compassionate and caring individuals. These extraordinary people commit actions which demonstrate the potential heroism and kindness which is in all of us. Heroes of the Heartland reflect the values and vision of the American Red Cross, leaving a positive impact on central Iowa.

On January 16, 2015, 12-year-old Kelsey ran outside to find her mother lying with a gunshot wound. Without hesitation, Kelsey called 9-1-1 and was able to give the dispatcher accurate time-saving information while remaining calm and comforting. Kelsey became the solid rock of her family while assisting through the long hospital stay, the recovery period and difficult days. She is a hero in everyone's eyes.

Mr. Speaker, Kelsey is an Iowan who has made central Iowa citizens very proud. She has dedicated her life to doing what is right and not seeking much attention. But it is with great honor that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Kelsey for her courage. I thank her for her service and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

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RECOGNIZING SAMUEL M. YOUNG,  
JR., PH.D.

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**HON. PATRICK MURPHY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent and renowned neuroscientist, Dr. Samuel M. Young, Jr. of Jupiter, Florida.

Growing up in Caldwell, New Jersey, Sam "Stump" Young's strength on the High School football field led him to Princeton University, where he discovered a passion for scientific research that would last a lifetime. Sam chose to major in molecular biology at Princeton, an unlikely choice for the Princeton Tigers' star defensive tackle and one who challenged the assumptions of his professors and fellow students.

As a postgraduate, Dr. Young studied at some of the leading laboratories in Germany and the United States before joining the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience in Jupiter in 2010, where he currently serves as Research Group Leader in Molecular Mechanisms of Synaptic Function. At Max Planck, Dr. Young and his team use innovative techniques to create models of how synapses function, and their path-breaking research helps shed light on the causes of brain disease.

On Sunday, April 3rd, I was honored to have Dr. Young deliver the keynote address at a ceremony I hosted to recognize 65 local students and recipients of this year's Congressional Award, the United States Congress' award for young Americans who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in four areas: volunteer public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration.

These young men and women exemplify the best values of hard work, determination, passion, and leadership, and I thank Dr. Young for sharing his story with them. I know that by following his example and pursuing their own passions—no matter what—they too will achieve incredible successes in life.

CELEBRATING CESAR CHAVEZ  
DAY

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deepest appreciation for the life, legacy, and actions of the late Cesar Estrada Chavez.

The changes that Cesar Chavez fought for throughout his life have dramatically changed the way that farm workers are treated in our country.

Cesar Chavez was one of the nation's greatest civil rights activists and the tireless champion of migrant farm workers fighting for humane working conditions.

As a young man Cesar Chavez worked in the fields where he saw firsthand the dangerous conditions which farm workers were forced to endure. In 1952 he became an organizer for the Community Service Organization (CSO), a Latino civil rights group, and eventually became the national director of the organization.

In 1965, Chavez co-founded the National Farm Workers Association with Dolores Huerta which evolved into the United Farm Workers union.

The National Farm Workers Association was successful in securing fair wages and safe working conditions for farm workers.

The UFW also led a worldwide grape boycott that helped ensure farm workers had a voice in contract negotiations.

Cesar Chavez is also known for his fasts which he used as a nonviolent method of promoting his beliefs.

In 1972, Chavez fasted in response to Arizona's passage of legislation that prohibited boycotts and strikes by farm workers during the harvest season.

Cesar Chavez achieved unprecedented gains for farmworkers.

His influence also exceeded to empowering the people to strive for their own rights.

Numerous other social movements utilized his tactics in their own work.

On April 23, 1993 Cesar Chavez died, bringing great sadness to the farm workers community that he spent his life fighting for.

With his death also came a great sense of pride for all the progress that Cesar Chavez brought as a direct result of his unwavering commitment to farm workers' rights.

I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating Cesar Estrada Chavez's life and legacy.

America is a better place because of Cesar Chavez.

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IN HONOR OF COLONEL FERDINAND  
CLARENCE "FRED" BIDGOOD

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**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my constituent, Colonel Ferdinand Clarence "Fred" Bidgood, a retired United States Army officer, a patriot, and a true leader.

After his birth in 1938 in Fort Benning, Georgia, Fred went on to live in London, England, where he graduated from Central High School in 1955. He matriculated into the United States Military Academy's Class of 1960 where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. Fred later earned a Master's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M, and graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College.

Following his graduation from the United States Military Academy, Fred was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the Army and served around the world in command and staff positions in both Artillery and Engineer units. Throughout his career, he served as Associate Executive Director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America in Washington, DC and Chief of Staff for the National Victory Celebration, where his duties included welcoming home troops from the Gulf War. He also served as Director on the Board of Governors of the World United Services Organization and Chairman of their Human Resources Committee, and he was a member of the Board of Advisers of National Handicapped Sports.

Fred lived much of his life in South Run Forest community in Springfield, Virginia. On Veterans Day, Flag Day, and Memorial Day, Fred enjoyed distributing flags across his entire community to share his patriotic spirit with his neighbors in honor of our country and all those who have served it bravely with him. Fred will be remembered dearly across the South Run Forest community by all those he touched on a daily basis. He was well known by many of his neighbors for having a witty sense of humor. One of Fred's neighbors, Norman Bayne, once told me about a time when he was mowing his lawn and wearing shorts, Fred came out and shouted, "If I had legs like that I would wear pants." Fred always had a way to brighten the day of those around him.

Fred's final assignment in the military was as an Executive Assistant to the Administrator of the Veterans Administration. He passed away a decorated veteran, having earned four awards of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal. He was preceded in death by his daughter Kerri. He is survived by his wife Marilyn of 55 years, two sons Mark and Matthew, and four grandchildren, Damon, Haley, Aidan, and Brianna. I am honored to commemorate Fred today for his life of leadership, service, and selfless contributions to our great nation. We are fortunate to have citizens like Fred who are willing to put their life at risk to serve the United States of America.

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TRIBUTE TO MEREDITH  
WILHARBER

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**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Meredith Wilharber of Urbandale, Iowa as one of Iowa's 2016 Heroes of the Heartland, sponsored by the American Red Cross of Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving greater Iowa honors individuals for their acts

of great bravery, dedication and service to the community. The winners are nominated by their peers, highlighting Iowa's most compassionate and caring individuals. These extraordinary people commit actions which demonstrate the potential heroism and kindness which is in all of us. Heroes of the Heartland reflect the values and vision of the American Red Cross, leaving a positive impact on central Iowa.

Meredith knows first-hand about Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH) because it took her mother's life when she was young. At 34, Meredith was diagnosed with the same incurable disease. Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension or PAH is a chronic and deadly combination heart and lung disease where the pulmonary artery causes the heart and lungs to become strained. It is less often that I meet a hero face to face but I have had the honor and privilege of visiting with Meredith and her husband, Randy who founded the Blue Lips Foundation with the goal of changing how and when PAH is diagnosed through awareness and education, as well as funding research and the development of diagnostic tools. They are warriors for a just cause.

Mr. Speaker, Meredith is an Iowan who has made central Iowa citizens very proud. She has dedicated her life, doing what is right and not seeking much attention. But it is with great honor that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Meredith for her courage. I thank her for her service and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

#### OBSERVING EQUAL PAY DAY

### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe Equal Pay Day, the day when women's wages finally catch up to men's.

Fifty three years after passage of the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, women and minorities continue to experience inequitable pay differentials. In fact, women who work full time, year round in the United States were paid only 79 cents for every dollar paid to their male counterparts in 2014. In Florida, a woman who holds a full-time job is paid, on average, \$34,768 per year while a man who holds a full-time job is paid \$40,971 per year. For minorities, the gap is even larger.

This equates to a combined 17 billion dollars loss of wages annually for Florida women with full-time jobs. These lost wages mean Floridian families have fewer resources to buy goods and services. The wage gap directly hurts Florida's families and our economy.

If change continues at the same slow pace as it has during the last 50 years, it will take nearly 50 more years—until 2059—for women and men to finally reach pay parity.

I join the Enterprising and Professional Women of South Florida in observing Equal Pay Day and calling attention to the continuing wage disparity women in our nation and state face.

#### ON THE MURDER OF YONATAN SUHER

### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I express my condolences to the family and friends of Yonatan (Yoni) Suher—one of dozens killed or wounded on March 19th in a suicide bombing in Istanbul, Turkey. This horrific attack highlights the struggle we continue to face in ending these senseless acts of terrorism.

Yoni was born in my hometown of Portland, Oregon, as was his father. He shared my love for the city, as well as for the Portland Trail Blazers, and visited his family there often.

Though no longer with us, I know Yoni will live on in the hearts and minds of those nearest and dearest to him. I wish his loved ones all the best during this difficult time.

#### CELEBRATING DEAN CLAUDIO GROSSMAN

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Dean Claudio Grossman and his 21-year tenure at American University's Washington College of Law (WCL). As WCL's first Latino dean, and lifelong advocate for human rights, he brought his unparalleled commitment to diversity and support for students of color.

Dean Grossman, a native of Chile, spent many years in political exile in Europe after serving in the administration of democratically-elected President Salvador Allende, before finally coming to the United States.

His legal scholarship is focused on international human rights and he has served in several roles within the United Nations, most notably in the United Nation's Committee Against Torture, and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Dean Grossman has also served as the chair of the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies and board member of the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice & Human Rights.

He is one of the few Latino law school deans in the country, and the first to serve in that capacity at WCL. He will be succeeded by Camille Nelson, the first black dean at WCL and the first woman in that role in the last 60 years. He leaves large shoes to fill.

As dean, he has made great contributions to the legal profession through his work expanding WCL's LL.M. program, semester abroad programs, and clinical programs that advocate for immigrants and the disabled. He has also presided over WCL's new Tenley Campus expansion.

Previous honors for Dean Grossman's work on human rights and international law include the René Cassin Award from B'nai B'rith International in Chile and the Harry LeRoy Jones Award from the Washington Foreign Law Society. Since becoming dean of WCL, Dean Grossman has received a host of honors, in-

cluding: Outstanding Dean of the Year by the National Association of Public Interest Law (now known as Equal Justice Works) in 2000, the Inter American Press Association's Chapultepec Grand Prize 2002 for his achievements in the field of human rights, the Charles Norberg International Lawyer of the Year Award from the Washington, D.C. chapter of the Inter-American Bar Association, the Lifetime Leadership Award from the Hispanic National Bar Foundation, and the Leadership Award from the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Dean Claudio Grossman's remarkable efforts across his 21-year tenure at WCL. Dean Grossman has dedicated his life to human rights and international law, serving as an exemplary leader. His contributions to the legal profession have laid a foundation for generations.

#### HONORING SHIRLEY SAUNDERS

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Bronx leader who has been a friend and partner to me in the Co-op City community for many years, the incomparable Shirley Saunders. I have been friends with Shirley ever since we attended Evander Childs High School together, and I have always known her to be a tremendous force for good in the neighborhood.

Shirley was born and raised in the Lincoln Projects in Harlem. She is a product of the New York City public school system, including my alma maters, Hunter and Lehman Colleges. For 30 years, Shirley has lived in Co-op City and been actively involved in the management of the largest co-operative housing development in the world. She was elected and held a seat as a member and secretary of the Riverbay Board of Directors, which governs Co-op City, and served in those roles for more than 12 years. Shirley has also been actively involved in other community and civic organizations, including the Parents Association for P.S. 153, for which she served as president; the Sister to Sister program; the local Boy and Girl Scouts chapters; the local little league programs; and is a founding mother of the Jack & Jill of America Bronx chapter. In fact, Shirley was such an integral part of the community, I had to make her a part of my Congressional Staff. She served as Senior Staff Assistant with me for over 20 years, and was extraordinary in that role.

But for all of her incredible service to the public, it was always family that was Shirley's true passion. She has been married to her husband, Rod, for more than 40 years, and together they have three wonderful children and two beautiful grandchildren.

This year, Shirley is celebrating her 69th birthday. On the occasion I want to thank her for years of friendship, and wish her nothing but the best.

## TRIBUTE TO CARL BURT

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Carl Burt of Des Moines, Iowa, as one of Iowa's 2016 Heroes of the Heartland, sponsored by the American Red Cross of Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving greater Iowa honors individuals for their acts of great bravery, dedication and service to the community. The winners are nominated by their peers, highlighting Iowa's most compassionate and caring individuals. These extraordinary people commit actions which demonstrate the potential heroism and kindness which is in all of us. Heroes of the Heartland reflect the values and vision of the American Red Cross, leaving a positive impact on central Iowa.

In announcing the Award, Red Cross officials explained why Mr. Burt is being recognized for his heroism. Last spring, he was having an outdoor dinner with a friend and her mother when the friend noticed her mother slouched back in her chair, barely breathing. Mr. Burt immediately took action and attempted to begin cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) but her jaw was clenched. He told his friend to call 9-1-1 emergency while he continued giving rescue breaths. Mr. Burt started doing chest compressions and after only two compressions, the mother suddenly awakened. Emergency services arrived, checked her vitals and determined that she had had a seizure but would recover. As part of his daily role as a jail service aide for Polk County, Iowa, Mr. Burt is required to be certified in CPR.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burt is an Iowan who has made central Iowa citizens very proud. He has dedicated his life to quietly doing what is right and not seeking such attention. But it is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Mr. Burt for his courage. I thank him for his service and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

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COMMEMORATING APRIL AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the importance of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Children's Caucus, I have always believed that our children are our nation's greatest strength and resource.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is remembered as a time to reflect and renew our shared dedication and responsibility to protect every child in our country, no matter their social or economic background.

As elected officials, we have an obligation to condemn this violence, work for stronger en-

forcement of the law and provide adequate funding for programs to assist children who may have experienced such abuse.

There is no crime greater than an individual can commit than the crimes of child abuse, in all of its forms.

The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) established the first federal child protection legislation, and was signed into law by President Nixon on January 31, 1974.

This marked the new precedent for the national response to child abuse and neglect.

Then in 1983, President Reagan proclaimed the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention month.

In 1989, the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect awarded nine grants to assist in developing and implementing community-based prevention strategies, in furtherance of that cause.

In addition, these grants assisted in developing a coordinated multidisciplinary training program for professionals and community leaders to improve public awareness campaigns, and implement crisis intervention programs.

In 1996, under the Clinton Administration's emphasis on collaboration and integration among child and family serving systems, a new grants program called the Community-Based Family Resource and Support (CBFRS), was created.

These grants reflected the belief that public and private child abuse prevention and treatment programs must work together toward common goals.

In 2005, there was a renewed commitment to make child abuse prevention a national priority.

As a result, the Children's Bureau focused on making safe children and healthy families a new priority, a theme that was also adopted by the National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Mr. Speaker, children were not forgotten during the great debate over the Patient Protection Affordability Care Act, which included key provisions that created the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program.

Thus far during my time in Congress, I have continually proposed amendments aimed to assist families and children across the nation.

My amendment to HR 3700, which was passed in this chamber, directed the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Labor to work together to produce an annual report on inter-agency strategies.

These strategies would strengthen family economic empowerment by linking housing with essential supportive services, such as employment counseling and training, financial growth, childcare, transportation, meals, youth recreational activities and other responsive services.

Once again, I thank my colleagues in the House for their efforts in protecting the children of this nation.

Mr. Speaker, this important month serves to remind each and every one of us, that as Americans we have a solemn responsibility to educate, feed, and protect our children at all costs.

## HONORING ALECIA A. DECOUDREAUX

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Mrs. Alecia A. DeCoudreaux. Mrs. DeCoudreaux serves as the President of Mills College, my Alma Mater, and will be stepping down to conclude a successful tenure in academia.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. DeCoudreaux began her academic career as a student of English and Political Science at Wellesley College in 1976. After receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree, Mrs. DeCoudreaux continued her education and received a Doctor of Laws degree from the Indiana University School of Law in 1978.

While at Mills, Mrs. DeCoudreaux furthered inclusion by instituting the first women's college policy for admitting transgender students. This policy has become a model for women's colleges across the nation. She also expanded Mills' global focus and reach by participating in the U.S. Department of State's Women in Public Service Project (WPSP), hosting 25 women delegates from 22 countries in a 10-day conference focusing on women solving the climate crisis.

Mrs. DeCoudreaux led the campus community and collaborated with the school's board of trustees to find solutions to tough economic circumstances. Many educational programs have suffered similar downturns, and Mrs. DeCoudreaux's commitment to higher education succeeded in sustaining Mills College.

In January 2016, Mrs. DeCoudreaux joined 11 other Northern California colleges and universities in signing the Oakland Promise College Pathway Partnership, which offers financial aid and mentoring support to Oakland high school graduates. These graduates learned the skills necessary to continue a path in academics and further their careers.

Her many accolades portray Mrs. DeCoudreaux as a tireless advocate for access to education, including the Award for Education from the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; the ABC 7 News Profiles of Excellence Award; the Madam C.J. Walker Pioneer Award; and recognition as a Leadership California Trailblazer. She was selected as one of San Francisco Business Times' Most Influential Women in Business, and she was included in Diverse Issues in Higher Education magazine's 30 Women Making a Difference feature.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, Mrs. Alecia A. DeCoudreaux, I salute you. I thank you for your outstanding leadership in higher education and wish you continued success as you transition to this exciting new chapter of life.

## ON THE PASSING OF LAWRENCE D. KOONCE, SR.

**HON. KAREN BASS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to note the passing of a long-time community advocate, Lawrence D. Koonce, Sr.



Mr. Koonce was born in Donaldville, Georgia and grew up in Newark, New Jersey. He moved to Los Angeles in early adulthood to work with Van Vorse Mattress Company and later became a successful entrepreneur.

He was devoted to his family and to his community. He married the late Barbara Talley and they had three sons. He also had a daughter. He raised his family in the Vermont Knolls neighborhood of South Los Angeles, where he quickly took on positions of leadership. He served as President of the Vermont Knolls—81st Street Block Club many times over the course of nearly five decades.

He worked to build partnerships that would contribute to improving the area, including with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the city council office, and later with the Community Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (CoCo).

I came to know him as he took active roles in CoCo programs such as the Greater Resources through Organizing and Work (GROW) Project. Mr. Koonce helped win changes in grocery store health and safety practices, such as selling expired meat and wilted produce in South L.A. stores. He also fought to beautify the area and calm traffic, making it nicer and safer to walk in the neighborhood.

As a result of his efforts he was selected to take part in the Neighborhood Leadership Program of the prestigious Coro Southern California Leadership Center, further enhancing his skills. He was also chosen to sit on the LAPD Community Police Advisory Board and was recognized repeatedly by LAPD for his work to improve safety and solve problems.

Never afraid to put in hard work, Mr. Koonce would not settle for less than he thought his community deserved. He will be deeply missed, and my heart is with his family and friends as they gather to honor his memory.

#### RECOGNIZING THE GIVE CENTER

##### HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership and volunteer efforts of the GIVE Center on its 20th anniversary. Located in Milledgeville, Georgia, the GIVE Center connects Georgia College & State University students with volunteer opportunities to help make a difference on campus and throughout the local, state, national, and international communities. In two short decades through the GIVE Center, students have completed 650,000 volunteer hours, participated in 140,000 service projects, and contributed \$15,000,000 of service to the community.

With the help of 150 student organizations, 236 community partners, 245 volunteer programs, and countless helping hands, the GIVE Center has established itself as a pillar of humble service. The servant-leadership and community engagement that are displayed by the faculty, staff, students, and volunteers at the GIVE Center are inspirational, and I am honored to have a place of such excellence and achievement in the 10th District of Georgia.

#### CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESSROC CEMENT

##### HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to bring to the House's attention the 150th Anniversary of ESSROC Cement, a company deeply rooted in the foundation of Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley.

In 1866, David O. Saylor, a resident of Allentown, purchased 30 acres of property in Coplay, PA. He, along with Esias Rehrg and Adam Woolever, chartered the Coplay Cement Company. Saylor, an innovator, developed a process that allowed Portland type cement to be made in the United States. Saylor patented the process, and by 1900, Coplay Cement was providing over 70 percent of the Portland Cement used in America.

Coplay Cement provided the material that became the building blocks of the massive infrastructure expansion and city-building that occurred in post-Civil War America.

Paris-based Ciments Francais ultimately acquired Coplay Cement in 1976.

The 1990s were a time of great activity for the company. It adopted the ESSROC name in 1990. In 1992, Italcementi became ESSROC's parent company.

Now, 150 years later, ESSROC has operations across four continents. In North America, the Nazareth-based company has the ability to produce over 6.5 million metric tons of cement annually. To this day, Saylor Cement remains one of their main product lines.

ESSROC has demonstrated itself as an impressive business, based not only on its corporate metrics, but more importantly on its commitment to the greater Lehigh Valley. ESSROC is a valued manufacturer in our community, a provider of good jobs with good wages, and a respected corporate citizen.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to offer my congratulations to the men and women who work at ESSROC both in the Lehigh Valley area and across the United States. May they enjoy continued prosperity.

#### TRIBUTE TO MSGT JAMES ROBERT HAYWORTH

##### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate MSgt James Robert Hayworth of Bondurant, Iowa, for his retirement on March 29, 2016 after nearly 30 years in the United States Air Force and Iowa Air National Guard, 132nd Wing, Des Moines.

MSgt Hayworth entered the United States Air Force in May 1986, receiving his basic military training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, beginning his extensive, successful career within the United States military. His service gave him the opportunity to travel across our great nation and around the world. After completing basic military training, MSgt Hayworth was assigned to the 55th Services Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue,

NE. From there he came to Iowa, serving in the 132nd Combat Support Squadron at the Iowa Air National Guard Base in Des Moines. His first overseas deployment was during Operation Provide Comfort, where he was stationed at the Air Base Wing of Incirlik Air Base, Adana, Turkey. MSgt Hayworth returned to the United States where he served in various roles until his next deployment overseas in 2009, supporting the 432nd Maintenance Group and our military efforts from the Joint Base Balad in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He later returned to Iowa, completing his career with the Iowa Air National Guard.

Mr. Speaker, MSgt Hayworth's unyielding commitment to his country is a true testament to his patriotism. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. We will never be able to thank him enough for the sacrifices he has made in order to keep our country safe. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in thanking him for his service, congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him nothing but continued success and happiness.

#### COMMEMORATING THE PASSAGE OF THE HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION RECONCILIATION ACT

##### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the passage of the empowering "Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act."

Over the past three decades, the average tuition at a public, four-year college institution has more than tripled, while the typical family's income has become plateaued.

This great struggle pitting the interests of the banks and financial institutions against those of vulnerable students finally came to an end on March 30, 2010, when President Barack Obama signed this legislation into law.

This law reinvested savings back into education by upgrading community colleges facilities, increasing Pell Grants, and making it easier for responsible students to pay off their loans.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions in this nation were resultantly able to receive a needed benefit.

For new borrowers after 2014, student loans are eligible to be forgiven after 20 years to those making timely payments, down from the previous 25 year requirement.

This law also has helped parents invest in their children's education by simplifying the federal education loan borrowing process.

Specifically, in my home city of Houston, Texas, this legislation has helped many of the 9,700 students currently attending the prestigious HBCU, Texas Southern University, alongside the 42,704 students attending the University of Houston.

During my time serving our country, I have fought to make higher education accessible to all who strive to achieve it.

That is why I am proud to have stood with 220 of my colleagues in voting "yea" in support of this legislation.



Mr. Speaker, this Act has spurred a movement by President Obama to help every American achieve the dream of being able to attend college no matter their financial background.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for roll call votes 130 through 135 due to official travel. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on Number 130, no on Number 131, no on Number 132, yes on Number 133, yes on Number 134, and yes on Number 135.

H.R. 4891, THE “TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2016”

### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the provisions of H.R. 4891, the “Technical Corrections Act of 2016,” introduced on April 11, 2016 makes tax technical and clerical corrections. Ways and Means Committee Chairman BRADY and Ranking Member LEVIN have asked the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation to make available to the public a technical explanation of the bill (JCX-16-16). The technical explanation expresses the Committee’s understanding and legislative intent behind this important legislation. It is available on the Joint Committee’s Web site at [www.jct.gov](http://www.jct.gov).

#### HONORING JANET MAHONEY

### HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Janet Mahoney for her accomplishments in over twenty years of service to The American Legion Auxiliary, Montgomery Unit No. 429 in Rhinebeck, NY.

Janet is a recently retired dental hygienist, proud grandmother of eight grandchildren and also the widow of a Vietnam Veteran. She has always been passionate about Veterans, their families, and their communities.

Throughout her selfless and tireless service in the American Legion Auxiliary, Janet has served on multiple committees and in many leadership positions at the local and state levels. Some of her positions include: three terms as Unit President, three terms as County President, and two terms each as District Vice President and District President.

Janet has served at the State level since 2007 as the Education Chairman, Public Relations Chairman, Americanism Chairman, Vice-President and President. During her tenure of outstanding service at the State level, she was instrumental in the organization winning national awards for Department of New York Press Book, Best Overall Department Public

Relations Program, The National Americanism Award, The National Children and Youth Award, and The National Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Award.

In Janet’s current capacity as New York American Legion Auxiliary President, she oversees multiple programs aimed at assisting Veterans as well as the communities of New York. One of her main priorities as President is raising money to support Vietnam Veterans impacted by Agent Orange.

Janet is leading a statewide campaign, covering all 62 counties across New York, and has a goal to raise over \$75,000.00. All funds raised in support of “Changing the Legacy of Agent Orange” will support Veterans with documented Agent Orange related medical needs. Funds will also support these Veteran’s children with documented Agent Orange related medical needs.

Mr. Speaker, Janet Mahoney has distinguished herself throughout her remarkable twenty plus year career in the New York American Legion Auxiliary where she has been an unwavering advocate for our Veterans, their families, and our communities. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on her countless achievements during a remarkable career.

#### TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT JEFFREY WALTON

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jeffrey Walton of Boy Scout Troop 104 in Corning, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Jeffrey’s Eagle Scout project involved constructing a large sign to be placed in the yard at Country Haven, a residential care facility, making it easier for people to locate the facility. The work ethic Jeffrey has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Jeffrey and his family in the United States Congress. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his future education and career.

#### HONORING SARAH TURNER

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman who is tenderly known as “Mama Sarah” within her community: Mrs. Sarah Pauline Turner. Sarah turned 100 years old on April 2nd, 2016, and I am so grateful to be able to help celebrate her reaching that remarkable milestone by honoring her in the hallowed halls of Congress.

Sarah is a treasured member of her community whose love for people became self-evident early on in her life when, after completing her education, she worked for the Veteran Admission in Washington, D.C. She later moved to New York City and became a friend to everyone she has met in the Bronx. Sarah’s list of community service accomplishments is long and distinguished. She has received an impressive amount of awards and recognition from her community, including for some of her most important work with RAIN Eastchester Senior Center and Eastchester Housing.

As involved as she is with her community, Sarah is just as involved with her church. She has offered spiritual guidance to the members of Burke Avenue Baptist Church for over 50 years, and has also served as part of the Pastor’s Aide Ministry, Gospel Chorus, Senior Usher Board, and is currently President of Willing Workers Ministry. Sarah’s unwavering dedication to her church community has not gone unnoticed. She gained a lifetime membership of the Eastern Stars Organization, where she serves as Worthy Matron.

There is no doubt that Sarah is an outstanding citizen of the Bronx Borough. She has been a pillar of her community, who has gracefully bestowed joy and happiness upon everyone she has met. I want to congratulate Sarah on reaching this remarkable milestone, and as Congressman for the northeast Bronx, thank her for all she has done in the community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, on March 21 and March 22, 2016 I was not present to vote on H.R. 4314 (Counterterrorism Screening and Assistance Act), H.R. 4742 (Promoting Women in Entrepreneurship Act), H.R. 4755 (Inspiring the Next Space Innovators, Researchers, and Explorers (INSPIRE) Women Act) and H.R. 4336 (Women Airforce Service Pilot Arlington Inurnment Restoration Act). I wish to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for roll call No. 130, I would have voted “YEA.”

Had I been present for roll call No. 133, I would have voted “YEA.”

Had I been present for roll call No. 134, I would have voted “YEA.”

Had I been present for roll call No. 135, I would have voted “YEA.”

PATTY DUKE "QUEEN OF TV MOVIES AND TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES"

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Patty Duke, an American icon and advocate for those suffering in silence from various forms of mental illness, who passed away on March 29, 2016 at the age of 69.

Patty Duke was born Anna Marie Duke on December 14, 1946 in Elmhurst, New York.

Anna Duke and her siblings grew up in a difficult household, raised by an alcoholic father and a mother who suffered from what was then called "manic depression," later known to be bipolar disorder.

Anna Duke was introduced to acting by her brother's managers, John and Ethel Ross, who changed her name to Patty and eventually became her guardians.

Later in Patty Duke's life, she revealed that she was a survivor of sexual assault.

In 1959, Patty Duke's first big role came when she was cast as Helen Keller in the Broadway version of *The Miracle Worker*, with Anne Bancroft portraying her teacher, Anne Sullivan.

Then in 1962, that play was turned into a feature film, in which she also starred.

For her performance in the film, the 16-year-old won a "Promising Newcomer" Golden Globe as well as an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress—making her the youngest person to win an Oscar at that time.

Sadly, following her Oscar win, Patty Duke began to privately unravel.

The abuse she endured along with her family's history of bipolar disorder began to plague her.

All the while, she continued to dazzle the outside world with a successful career.

Patty Duke then starred in her own sitcom called *The Patty Duke Show*, which she artfully played two cousin characters simultaneously.

In 1965, she also became a pop music contender with her top 10 hit "Don't Just Stand There" and headlined the acclaimed film *Billie*, which was the first movie ever sold to a television network.

Thus, began Patty Duke's reign as the "Queen of TV Movies."

Patty Duke continued her big-screen career by starring in the cult classic *Valley of The Dolls* in 1967 and indie films such as *Me, Natalie* in 1969.

Patty Duke married assistant director Harry Falk, remaining in the marriage from 1965 to 1969.

After her marriage ended, Patty Duke bore a son named Sean Patrick Duke.

In 1972, she married actor John Astin, who played Gomez in the television version of *The Addams Family*.

John Astin adopted her son Sean, and fathered her second son, Mackenzie Astin, born in 1973.

Then in 1976, Patty Duke won her second Emmy for the highly successful mini-series *Captains and the Kings*.

Other popular TV movies followed, including the 1979 small screen version of *The Miracle*

*Worker*, in which she portrayed Anne Sullivan, a role that won her third Emmy.

In the mid-1980s, she became president of the Screen Actors Guild.

Her 1987 autobiography, *Call Me Anna*, was made into a TV movie in 1990 in which she portrayed herself and served as co-producer.

Following in 1992 second book, *A Brilliant Madness: Living With Manic Depression Illness*, was published.

With the help of family and friends Patty Duke was able to quiet her personal demons, and become a vocal advocate for those suffering from mental illnesses, along with dispelling social stigmas attached to them.

Patty Duke died on March 29, 2016 in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, at the age of 69 from a sepsis infection from a ruptured intestine.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to take a moment of silence in remembrance of this strong woman who was able to stand against the suffocating struggles of depression and became a source of inspiration for hundreds of thousands of Americans struggling with mental illnesses.

### STANDARD MERGER AND ACQUISITION REVIEWS THROUGH EQUAL RULES ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 23, 2016*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in opposition to H.R. 2745 or the SMARTER Act.

This bill is another delay tactic that stops us from the meaningful work of passing a budget.

Too many bills that have come out of the Judiciary Committee this year are designed to erode consumer rights and roll back established judicial precedent.

We should be considering and debating meaningful bills to address criminal justice reform and common sense gun safety.

Instead, we are here voting to fix a problem that does not exist and does not need our attention.

A Politico article from two days ago was titled "Congress setting a low bar for doing nothing."

My Democratic colleagues and I have bills and agendas that we would like to bring to the floor to address real problems facing real Americans.

This bill is not smart. It is a timewaster and I hope after spring recess we can come back to a robust agenda and work on behalf of the American people.

### HONORING SYDNEY ALDERMAN PERRY ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, today marks the end of an era at the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven as they gather to celebrate the retire-

ment of their President and CEO, and my dear friend, Sydney Alderman Perry.

Sydney began her career with the Jewish Federation and JCC nearly 30 years ago in the Department of Jewish Education. Education was her passion and over the course of her seventeen years in that department she not only worked to improve the synagogue supplementary schools, she also developed and implemented a number of innovative education programs for both adults and teens.

In addition to "A Taste of Honey," an adult learning lecture series that attracts hundreds of adults, Sydney spearheaded the Israel Experience Savings program, which helps young people travel to Israel and initiated Talmud Torah Meyuchad, an individualized Jewish education program for children with special needs. But perhaps the contribution she is most proud of is the establishment of the successful community Hebrew High School, MAKOM, which serves hundreds of teens throughout the New Haven area every year.

She was tapped as associate executive director to supervise such things as the Holocaust Education and Prejudice Reduction Project and went on to become the executive director of the federation for six years, before taking on the title of CEO of the merged federation and the Jewish Community Center of New Haven.

Under her leadership the federation has expanded its agenda and outreach to enhance Jewish life and enrich the lives of those most in need both locally and internationally. Food4Kids sends local students who depend on the breakfast and lunch programs home with a backpack of staples for the weekends. The Jewish Coalition for Literacy has more than two hundred volunteers who read and talk with students. The federation supports the elderly housing complexes as well as educational institutions across Greater New Haven and raises funds for Yale Hillel and the University of Connecticut Hillel; the Jewish Historical Society and the JCC.

Beyond her leadership at the Jewish Federation and JCC, Sydney is an extraordinary advocate for Jewish continuity. She has served as a consultant to the community on educational endeavors, including the Anne Frank Project, Shepherd '92, Jerusalem 3000 and the celebration of Israel's 50th Anniversary. Sydney is an extraordinary scholar, often called upon nationally to give workshops and has served as scholar-in-residence for several communities.

Sydney has shown an unparalleled dedication to Jewish education in our community and throughout the nation—a commitment that is reflected in the myriad of awards she has been honored with over the years. She is an inspiration.

I am proud to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered this evening in extending my sincere thanks and appreciation to Sydney Alderman Perry for her incredible work with the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven and her outstanding service to our community. My very best wishes to her, her children, and grandchildren for many more years of health and happiness as she enjoys her retirement.

## TRIBUTE TO RYANNE MULLEN

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ryanne Mullen of Villisca, Iowa, for being awarded first place for her outstanding essay honoring our military veterans by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Iowa. Ryanne is a student at Enarson Elementary in Villisca, Iowa.

The theme for this essay contest was "What Does A Veteran Mean To Me?", and was open to all fifth graders in public, private, and home schools throughout Iowa.

Ryanne's essay reads:

I deeply thought about what a veteran means to me. I have chosen to share emotional descriptions of what a veteran means to me. The initial meaning of a veteran to me is how fear is considered, understood, and accepted but they still make the decision to face this fear for the freedom of their families and all other families they are standing strong for.

The second meaning of a veteran to me is courage. The attitude of never giving up, never backing down, and always remaining faithful. These are characteristics of semper fidelis.

The third meaning I want to express is brotherhood, which is described as equally caring for the life of your fellow soldier. The fact that no one is left behind especially the veterans that are KIA, MIA, or POW. I will carry memories of them with me forever.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Ryanne for earning this award. It is because of Iowans like her that I'm proud to represent our great state. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Ryanne for writing this outstanding essay honoring our veterans. I wish her nothing but continued success in all she does.

## ST. EPHREM CHURCH PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, St. Ephrem Church Parish, founded in June 1966, is celebrating 50 years of faithful service to the Bensalem, Bucks County parish—a Golden Jubilee. The heart of the parish is the Catholic faith; its mission, meeting the spiritual needs of all parishioners. Dedicated, devout pastors and priests have overseen the mission throughout its history and continue on this path, today. For a half-century, the small parish has grown to include 3,300 registered families and more than 11,000 members. St. Ephrem's also provides an excellent education in pre-K through 8th grade to approximately 450 children, including another 200 in Sunday School. St. Ephrem's is known to have a strong community outreach program that touches many families in the parish through the Boy and Girl Scouts, Catholic Daughters of America, Bereavement Support, Family Counseling and active Teen and Youth sports programs. For your 50 years of spiritual guid-

ance, we extend our heartiest congratulations on this Golden Jubilee and sincere wishes for continued growth and service in the coming years.

## HONORING DANIEL BEN-ZAKEN AND RACHEL BEAN

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor of Daniel Ben-Zaken and Rachel Bean, who were awarded in this year's C-SPAN student documentary contest. Daniel and Rachel are students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Their powerful documentary, "Target," explores the issues and arguments surrounding gun safety and school shootings. The theme of this year's contest was "Road to the White House: What's the Issue You Most Want Candidates to Discuss during the 2016 Presidential Campaign?" Nearly three thousand video submissions from almost six thousand students across the nation were submitted to this contest, and I am thrilled that Daniel and Rachel's documentary was recognized as exceptional.

I am honored that these young filmmakers chose to interview me for their documentary. In my remarks, I expressed my deep concern regarding gun violence in America, especially in schools. Our students must be able to study and learn in a safe environment absent the threat of gun violence. With an average of nearly one school shooting every week, this documentary covers a timely and vital issue facing our nation.

Again, congratulations to Daniel and Rachel. I wish them the best of luck with their future endeavors and academic pursuits. It is with great pleasure that I honor them, and I hope they will continue to inspire young South Floridians to become involved in issues they care about.

## RECOGNIZING CASILDA LUNA

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Casilda Luna, who celebrated her 90th birthday on Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

A native of Sanchez, Dominican Republic, Casilda Luna is often referred to as a pioneer in the Hispanic community. Casilda Luna moved to Washington, D.C. in 1961, and was one of the first Hispanic activists in Adams Morgan. Casilda organized weekly social gatherings that evolved into community discussions, which addressed social problems in the community. She then became involved with the Latin American Festival organizing committee and the Latino Affairs Office of the District of Columbia.

Casilda was the co-founder of the Hispanic Festival and the Mayor's Office of Latino Affairs, where she helped to promote the inclu-

sion of Hispanics in the Metropolitan Police Department. She also founded Mujeres Unidas Latinas en Accion (MULA), which helped Hispanic women who were new to the District of Columbia by bringing them together through community activities.

I ask the House to join me in recognizing her 90th birthday and her more than 50 years of activism in the national capital region. Casilda Luna is a special woman whose service to our community is greatly appreciated.

## IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF BILL HANEY

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to acknowledge one of my constituents who has demonstrated day-in day-out what living the American dream really means.

Bill Haney graduated from the College of New Jersey with a Bachelor of Science in Education. While teaching elementary school in Talbot County, Maryland, Bill worked to earn his Master's Degree in Supervision and Human Relations from George Washington University. In 1983, Mr. Haney accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer of Every Citizen Has Opportunities, Inc. (ECHO), a Leesburg, Virginia based non-profit which provides employment, training, and community integration to individuals with disabilities. Mr. Haney has decided it is time to retire from his life's work, thus ending a bright chapter in ECHO's history.

As Mr. Haney's extraordinary career comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to highlight the work he has done over the years. When Mr. Haney took over as CEO at ECHO, the organization was supporting about 75 individuals with disabilities, with an annual budget of under three hundred thousand dollars, and only two work sites. Under Mr. Haney's leadership, ECHO's budget has grown to nearly five million dollars, and has expanded services to nearly 170 individuals with disabilities. ECHO has approximately 15 work locations, ranging from Loudoun County Public Schools to Inova Hospitals.

In addition to his work at ECHO, Mr. Haney has extended his skills to the community through his work on the Board of Directors for the Loudoun County Red Cross, as Cubmaster for the Pack 11 Boy Scouts in Boyce, Virginia, and as a Sunday school teacher at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Front Royal, Virginia.

Mr. Haney leaves ECHO after a storied 33 years at the helm with zero debt, positive cash flow, and outright ownership of its facility. ECHO will continue serving our community, but without a doubt, will miss Mr. Haney's leadership and dedication.

At this moment, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in extending our sincerest thanks to Mr. Haney for all the work he has done in our community, and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

THE 48TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASSASSINATION OF REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

## HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this year, the nation observes for the 48th year, the anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each year on this day, Americans remember the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America. Fatally shot at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, on Thursday, April 4, 1968, at the age of 39, Dr. King was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 7:05 p.m. that evening.

He was a prominent leader of the Civil Rights Movement and Nobel laureate for Peace who was known for his creative use of nonviolence and civil disobedience. Our hearts continue beating, rejoicing his enduring legacy, and knowing that nothing is impossible when we are guided by the better angels of our nature. The incident of domestic terrorism that took the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life, reminds us of his belief, "that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."

Dr. King confronted the risk of death and made that recognition part of his philosophy. He taught that murder could not stop the struggle for equal rights. His inspiring words filled a great void in our nation, and answered our collective longing to become a country that truly lived by its noblest principles. Yet, Dr. King knew that it was not enough just to talk the talk; he had to walk the walk for his words to be credible.

And so we commemorate on this day a man of action, who put his life on the line for freedom and justice every day. We honor the courage of a man who endured harassment, threats and beatings, and even bombings. We commemorate the man who went to jail 29 times to achieve freedom for others, and who knew he would pay the ultimate price for his leadership, but kept on marching, protesting and organizing anyway.

Dr. King once said that we all have to decide whether we, "will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. 'Life's most persistent and nagging question,' he said, is 'what are you doing for others?'" Strikingly, when Dr. King discussed the end of his mortal life during one of his last sermons, "I've Been to the Mountain Top," on February 4, 1968, in the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church, even then he lifted the value of service upward as the hallmark of a full life, remarking: "I'd like somebody to mention on that day, Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others. I want you to say on that day, that I did try in my life . . . to love and serve humanity."

We should also remember that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was, above all, a person who was always willing to speak the truth. There is perhaps no better example of Dr. King's moral integrity and consistency than his criticism of the Vietnam War, waged by the Johnson Administration; an administration that was otherwise a friend and champion of civil and human rights.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929. His youth was spent in our country's Deep South, then run by Jim Crow laws and the Klu Klux Klan. For young African-Americans, it was an environment even more dangerous than the one they face today. Nonetheless, a young Martin managed to find a dream; one that he pieced together from his readings, including the Bible, classics, philosophical literature, and just about any other book he could get his hands on. Not only did those books allow him to educate himself, they also allowed him to work through the destructive and traumatic experiences of blatant discrimination, and the discriminatory abuse inflicted on him, his family, and humanity.

The life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that we honor today, could have turned out to be the life of just another African-American who would have had to learn to be happy with the limitations of his circumstances—with only what he was allowed. He learned however, to use his imagination and his dreams to see right through those "White Only" signs—to see the reality that all men, and women, regardless of their place of origin, their gender, or their creed, are created equal. Through his studies, Dr. King learned that training his mind and broadening his intellect effectively shielded him from the demoralizing effects of segregation and discrimination. Dr. King was a dreamer. His dreams were a tool, through which he was able to lift his mind beyond the reality of his segregated society and into a realm where it was possible that white and black, red, yellow and brown, and all others live and work alongside each other and prosper.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. however, was not an idle daydreamer. He shared his visions through speeches that motivated others to join the nonviolent effort to lift themselves from poverty and isolation and create an even better America where equal justice is a fact of life. In the Declaration of Independence in 1776, Thomas Jefferson wrote, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are Created Equal."

At that time and for centuries to come, African-Americans were historically, culturally, socially and legally excluded from inclusion in the institutional execution of that declaration. Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" Speech, delivered nearly 53 years ago, on August 28, 1963, was a clarion call to each citizen of this great nation that still echoes today. His request was simply and eloquently conveyed—asking America to allow its citizens to live out the words written in its Declaration of Independence and to have a place in this nation's Bill of Rights.

Provoking that clarion call, the 1960s were a time of great crisis and conflict. The nightmares of Americans were filled with troubling images that rose like lava from volcanoes of violence and the terrors that they had to face, both domestically and internationally. The decade bore the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War; and Americans were left to cradle the assassinations of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Malcolm X, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and the man we honor here today.

Dr. Martin Luther King's dream helped us turn the corner on civil rights. Set in motion with Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott, enduring 381 days, ending only when

the United States Supreme Court ruled that discrimination, on account of race in the field of interstate public transportation, was unconstitutional. The dream whisked forward into the hearts of those aggrieved in Alabama's Bible belt and the minds of Selma citizens organizing and peacefully marching for suffrage on March 7, 1965—a march that ended with violence at the hands of law enforcement officers, as demonstrators crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Dr. King used nonviolent tactics to protest against Jim Crow laws in the South, organizing and leading demonstrations for desegregation, labor and voting rights. When the life of Dr. Martin Luther King was stolen from us, he was still a very young man, only 39 years old. People remember that Dr. King died in Memphis, but few remember why he was there. On that fateful day in 1968 Dr. King came to Memphis to support a strike by the city's sanitation workers. The sanitation workers there had recently formed a chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees to demand better wages and working conditions for themselves.

The city, however, refused to recognize the union and when the 1,300 employees walked off of their jobs, the police broke up the rally with mace and police batons. Resultantly, union leaders summoned Dr. King to Memphis. Despite the danger he might face, entering such a volatile situation, it was an invitation he could not refuse—not because he longed for danger, but because the labor movement was deeply intertwined with the civil rights movement, for which he gave so many years of his life.

Moments before his murder, Dr. King went out onto the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis and standing near his room, he was struck at 6:01 p.m., by a single .30-06 bullet that James Earl Ray fired from a Remington Model 760 Gamemaster, completing the assassination. The killing sparked outcry and riots across the country, in addition to stimulating political support for passage of the Gun Control Act of 1968.

For some, Dr. King's assassination meant the end of the strategy of nonviolence. Others in the movement reaffirmed the need to carry on his work—as the nations' work—continuing the tradition of nonviolence. That night in Indianapolis, shortly after discovering that Dr. King had been murdered, New York Senator Robert F. Kennedy, campaigning to gain the presidential nomination to represent the Democratic Party, who himself would be murdered in Los Angeles two months later, addressed an angry, heart-broken, shocked, and horrified audience in a predominantly black neighborhood of the city.

The Chief of Police in Indianapolis advised Senator Kennedy that he could not provide protection and was worried he would be at risk in talking about the death of the revered leader. Robert Kennedy saw something more powerful though and, channeling Dr. King's spirit, decided to go ahead. Standing on a flatbed truck, he spoke acknowledging that many would be filled with anger as rumors of riots palpated in listeners' hearts. He said: "For those of you who are black and are tempted to be filled with hatred and mistrust of the injustice of such an act, against all white people, I would only say that I can also feel in my own heart the same kind of feeling. I had a member of my family killed . . . killed by a white

man." The Senator said that the country had to make an effort to, "go beyond these rather difficult times," and needed and wanted unity between blacks and whites, and asked the audience members to pray for the King family and for the country.

The death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will never overshadow his life. His legacy as a dreamer and a man of action stands strong. It is a legacy of hope, tempered with peace. It is a legacy not quite yet fulfilled. I hope that Dr. King's vision of equality under the law is never lost to us who, in the present, toil in times of disparities of inequity. For without that vision—without that dream—we can never continue to improve on our collective human condition.

For those who have already forgotten, or whose vision is already clouded by the fog of complacency, I would like to recite the immortal words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former shareholders will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day, even the State of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but for the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama with its vicious racists, with its Governor having his lips dripping with words of interposition and nullification—one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."

Positioning the nation to accept a bold call to action to address the wrongs of slavery, "separate, but equal," boycotts, assassinations, and Black power—he gave a much longed for voice to the history of uprising that drove global civil rights forward. Dr. King's dream did not stop at racial equality; his ultimate dream was one of human equality and dignity. He believed that freedom and justice were the birthrights of every individual in America. His dream became the dream of a people, documenting their collective challenges and struggle toward change; a hope to achieve a more perfect Union.

The powerful words of his beloved widow Coretta Scott King remind us that, "Freedom is never really won; you earn it and win it in every generation." Were he alive today, I believe that Dr. King would embolden us to acknowledge that this story and struggle, that started many centuries ago, continues today—with you. His, is an American story, and it is for us, the living, to continue that fight today and forever, following the great spirit that inspired the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## TRIBUTE TO BRUCE AND RUBY BENTLEY

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bruce and Ruby Bentley of Macedonia, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in 1966.

Bruce and Ruby's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. It is because of Iowans like them that I'm proud to represent our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 13

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the role of environmental policies on access to energy and economic opportunity.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine America's insatiable demand for drugs.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine EB-5 targeted employment areas.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military construction, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies.

SD-124

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Missile Defense Agency.

SD-192

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine budgeting for outcomes to maximize taxpayer value.

SD-608

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

Special Committee on Aging

Business meeting to consider proceedings relating to Mr. J. Michael Pearson's failure to appear.

SH-216

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine ending sexual abuse in United Nations peacekeeping.

SD-419

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider the issuance of a subpoena to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy, to testify before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, on April 22, 2016, in Phoenix, Arizona; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine to examine S. 2205, to establish a grant program to assist tribal governments in establishing tribal healing to wellness courts, S. 2421, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska, S. 2564, to modernize prior legislation relating to Dine College, S. 2643, to improve the implementation of the settlement agreement reached between the Pueblo de Cochiti of New Mexico and the Corps of Engineers, and S. 2717, to improve the safety and address the deferred maintenance needs of Indian dams to prevent flooding on Indian reservations.

SD-628

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies—2016

Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations and committee's rules and procedure for the 114th Congress.

S-219

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for energy and water development.

SD-124

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

APRIL 14

9 a.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine options for addressing the continuing lack of reliable emergency medical transportation for the isolated community of King Cove, Alaska.  
SD-366

10 a.m.  
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
Business meeting to consider proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.  
SR-328A  
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
Subcommittee on Economic Policy  
Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment  
To hold joint hearings to examine current trends and changes in the fixed-income markets.  
SD-538  
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the Federal perspective on the state of our nation's biodefense.  
SD-342  
Committee on the Judiciary  
Business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 2390, to provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, S. 2613, to reauthorize certain programs established by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, S. 2614, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism, and the nomination of Clare E. Connors, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.  
SD-226

10:30 a.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for energy and water development for fiscal year 2017, proposed legislation making appropriations for military construction, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for fiscal year 2017, and 302(b) subcommittee allocations.  
SD-106

2 p.m.  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.  
SH-219

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Land Management's proposed rule, entitled "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resources Conservation," published in the *Federal Register* on February 8, 2016.  
SD-366

APRIL 19

10 a.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine challenges and opportunities for oil and gas development in different price environments.  
SD-366

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities  
To hold closed hearings to examine cybersecurity and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program.  
SVC-217

2 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on SeaPower  
To hold hearings to examine Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program.  
SR-232A

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Personnel  
To hold hearings to examine the current state of research, diagnosis, and treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.  
SR-222

APRIL 21

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining  
To hold hearings to examine S. 1167, to modify the boundaries of the Pole Creek Wilderness, the Owyhee River Wilderness, and the North Fork Owyhee Wilderness and to authorize the continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock monitoring, herding, and grazing in certain wilderness areas in the State of Idaho, S. 1423, to designate certain Federal lands in California as wilderness, S. 1510, to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1699, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas and to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, S. 1777, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, S. 2018, to convey, without consideration, the reversionary interests of the United States in and to certain non-Federal land in Glennallen, Alaska, S. 2223, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, S. 2379, to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-

Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City, and S. 2383, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Utah from all forms of public appropriation, to provide for the shared management of the withdrawn land by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Air Force to facilitate enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, enhance public safety, and provide for continued public access to the withdrawn land, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land.  
SD-366

APRIL 27

2:15 p.m.  
Committee on Indian Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office report on "Telecommunications: Additional Coordination and Performance Measurement Needed for High-Speed Internet Access Programs on Tribal Lands."  
SD-628

MAY 9

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Airland  
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.  
SR-232A

MAY 10

9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on SeaPower  
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.  
SR-232A

11 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Personnel  
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.  
SD-G50

2 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support  
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.  
SD-G50

3:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities  
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.  
SD-G50

5:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-232A

MAY 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-222

MAY 13

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-222

MAY 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-222